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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV NOTE OF JUNE 20 REGARDING INCIDENT NEAR

YUGOSLAV MISSION TO UN JUNE 18, 1977

REF: A) USUN 1973

B) USUN 1963 AND PREVIOUS

1. YUGOSLAVIA'S DEPUTY PERM REP MUJEZINOVIC CALLED ON AMB. MCHENRY MORNING 20 JUNE TO PROTEST INCIDENT OUTSIDE YUGOSLAV MISSION, SATURDAY, 18 JUNE (REFTEL A). MUJEZINOVIC DELIVERED NOTE OF PROTEST. TEXT IN FINAL PARA BELOW.

2. AMB. MCHENRY EXPRESSED HIS CONTINUING CONCERN RE INCIDENTS AIMED AT YUGOSLAV MISSION AND PERSONNEL, BUT POINTED OUT THAT IN THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT, NEW YORK POLICE HAD ACTED PROMPTLY AND CORRECTLY. TO THIS POINT, MUJEZINOVIC AGREED.

3. MUJEZINOVIC THEN WENT ON TO COMPLAIN ABOUT US MASS MEDIA AND ITS REPORTING ON ANTI-YUGOSLAV ACTIVITY. AMB. MCHENRY POINTED OUT THAT POLITICAL EXPRESSION WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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ONE MATTER AND PHYSICAL THREAT AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MATTER. HE SAID US AUTHORITIES WOULD CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWERS, BUT COULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES INTERFERE WITH MEDIA REPORTING OF INCIDENTS. AMB. MCHENRY ASKED THAT YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES PROVIDE DETAILS ON ANY THREATS WHICH WERE CARRIED ON US MEDIA INCLUDING THE TIME AND THE STATION INVOLVED.

4. MUJEZINOVIC'S COMPLAINT WAS MADE IN LOW KEY, HOWEVER, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE YUGOSLAV MISSION WAS BOTH NERVOUS FOR ITS OWN SECURITY AND CONTINUED WELL-BEING.

5. TEXT OF YUGOSLAV NOTE OF PROTEST FOLLOWS:

QTE: THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND WISHES TO INFORM THAT ON JUNE 18, 1977, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M. WHILE LEAVING THE MISSION, A MEMBER OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION AND TWO DIPLOMATIC COURIERS WERE THREATENED IN FRONT OF THE MISSION'S BUILDING BY THREE INDIVIDUALS WITH GESTURES OF SHOOTING AT THEM. THIS WAS SEEN BY THE POLICEMAN ON THE DUTY IN FRONT OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE S.F.R. OF YUGOSLAVIA, WHO CALLED A PATROL CAR AND ALL THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE APPREHENDED AND TAKEN TO THE POLICE PRECINCT. THE POLICEMAN ON DUTY LATER INFORMED THAT THE THREE INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION WERE OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, WHILE RECOGNIZING THE EFFECTIVE ACTION TAKEN BY THE POLICEMAN ON DUTY, WOULD LIKE, ON THIS OCCASION ALSO, TO BRING THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE FACT THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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ONLY ONE IN A SERIES OF INCIDENTS IN THE LAST PERIOD WHICH CULMINATED IN THE CRIMINAL INVASION OF THE MISSION BY FASCIST TERRORISTS AND THE CRITICAL WOUNDING OF A MEMBER OF THE MISSION STAFF. CONSTANT THREATS AND EVEN THE USE OF MASS MEDIA OF THE UNITED STATES - TV, RADIO - BY MEMBERS OF THE SAME TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AGAINST YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, HAVE CREATED A SITUATION IN WHICH THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE PERMANENT MISSION AND ITS PERSONNEL IS SERIOUSLY IMPEDED AND ENDANGERED. THREATS AGAINST THE LIFE OF, AND TO KIDNAP, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE S.F.R. OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE MISSION EVINCE ONCE AGAIN THE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS A HOST COUNTRY.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD LIKE SERIOUSLY TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FASCIST CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH FREELY OPERATE AGAINST YUGOSLAV MISSION AND

REPRESENTATIVES.

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